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Wherein is Briefly declared the Loyal and Zealous Activity of

**Thomas Bulkley,**

(Late of *New Providence*, M E R C H A N T.)

In the Service of His Most Excellent M A J E S T Y,

**VILLIAM, III.**

By the Grace of God, K I N G of *England*, &c. As EVIDENCE  
against, and P R O S E C U T O R of

**Cadwallader Jones,**

Of the Province of the *Babama* Islands, late Governour)

TYRANOUS and TRAITEROUS Usurpation of an Absolute and Unlimited Power, over  
Persons, and Properties, of His Majesties Liege People, Inhabiting the said Province;  
and for Sundry Acts of HIGH TREASON, Traiterous and Felonious Conspiracy, and  
lawful Confederacy with Pirates, Burglary, Robbery, Extortion, Oppression, and Fraud.  
and for Obstructing the course of Justice; by tedious Delays, and obstinate Denyalls thereof;  
and by other more Secret and Sinister wayes, and means; Of all which said Crimes, he the  
said Cadwallader Jones hath been Notoriously Guilty.

Wherein is further D E C L A R E D,

Unparallel'd Sufferings of His Majesties said Evidence, and Prosecutor; in the Person of him-  
his Wife, and only Child, and in his Reputation, and Employment, as a Merchant; and in  
Real and Personal Estate; in all which Respects, his Losses and Damages, amount to 4000 l.  
which Sufferings, Losses and Damages, were sustained by the said Prosecutor, under the  
usurped Power of the said Heinous Criminal, who was rescued out of Custody by a Company  
of Pirates, and other Dissolute People: Of their procurement.

Herein also is Incerted,

General ACCUSATION of the said Jones, and the further proceedings of the Accuser, and of the  
Council thereupon: Also Particular ARTICLES in maintenance of the said General Accusation. And  
in Appendix) the Dying Declaration of the said Prosecutors Wife, who (by the Cruel dealings with,  
the Designs against her Husband, and sundry Burglarious Assaults made upon his House, in the time  
of his Imprisonment) was Frightned into Convulsion Fits, and to Miscarriage with Child, which were  
causes of her untimely Death: Whereunto is added a Message to Collonel Jones and the Council.

and for the Information of His Majesty, and His Ministers of Justice, in Order to the obtaining Justice, in  
the Relief of the Ruined Prosecutor, and Condign Punishment of his Barbarous Oppressors.



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*the Most Illustrious Royal Hero, WILLIAM, by the Especial Favour and Mercy of God, the Redeemer of England, Scotland, Ireland, and all the Territories thereunto belonging; from Spiritual and Corporal Slavery, whereby Your Majesty hath Superlatively Merited to be, and is (De jure & de facto,) King of the said Kingdoms and Dominions.*

**Y**OUR Majesties Loyal Subject, and (therefore) most Horribly Oppressed and Barbarously Persecuted Servant *Thomas Bulkley*; most Dutifully and Humbly Presents the Remonstrance and Petition following.

Shewing to Your Majesty, that Your Petitioner from the Year 1689. to the Year 1694. was an Inhabitant and Merchant on the Island of *New-Providence*, in the Province of the *Bahama* Islands: Whereof (as Governour) one *Gadwallader Jones* came to the said Island, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 1690. and the said *Jones* at his Arival shewing his Commission from the Lords Proprietors of the said Province; was received by the People of all Ranks and Degrees, with respect suitable to his Quality as aforesaid, and freely admitted into the Possession, and to the Administration of his said Office. In which he soon discovered his Unqualifiedness, in respect of Weakness of Judgement, Wickedness of Inclination, and Dissaffection to Your Majesties Person, and Government: All which Unqualifying Ill-Qualities he abundantly manifested by Innumerable Actions of most detestable Folly, Villany, Tyranny, and Treacherous Disloyalty; almost daily perpetrated by him, to the great Scandal of Your Majesties Royal Person, Wife and Just Government, (because done in Your Majesties Name) and to the destruction of Your most Loyal, Dutiful and Loving Subjects, Inhabiting the said Province, in their Lives, Liberties, and Properties.

All which vile practices were patiently Born by the People, till they became so Numerous and Heinous, as to be Intollerable, insomuch that the most Wise, Virtuous, and Substantial Men of the Province (some being Members of the Counsel) held themselves obliged in Duty to Your Majesty, Fidelity to the Interest of the Lords Proprietors, and for the necessary Preservation of Your Subjects, from approaching utter Ruin, to Depose the said *Jones*, from the Exercise of that Supreme Office, whereunto he was unduly appointed, being Morally and Legally Unqualified for it, Unworthy of it; and as having Justly Forfeited the Right that (by Commission from the Lords Proprietors) he might have to it, by his Swerving from the Rules, and Acting contrary to the ends of Government, as in sundry Articles of Accusation in Your Majesties and the Lords Proprietors Names Exhibited to the Counsel against him will fully appear.



Upon the Exhibition of which Accusation aforesaid, the Counsel judged it to be their pensible duty to Seize his Person, and Papers, and to secure both, viz. Him to be Answerable for Monsterous Crimes, and his Writings to be forth coming for Your Majesties Service, as Evid against him, the said Traiterous Offender.

Accordingly, on the 20th day of January 1692. the said Counsel caused the said Governour to be Seized as a Prisoner, and his Writings to be Sealed up, and Committed to safe Custody the possession of one of the Counsel.

The next day, He the said late Governour desired the Counsel to permit him to go (in Company with some of them) to the Accusers (Your Petitioners) House, to try if he could persuade with me to withdraw my Accusation, and desist further Prosecution of him; and to allure thereunto, he told me that he would restore me to all my Offices (out of which he had unjustly Expelled me) make Reparation of the Damage he had done to me, so far as he was able; and all time to come, he would Govern according to my directions, not doing any thing of a public nature without my Advice: and at his departure he prayed the Accuser (viz. Your Majesties Petitioner) to consider of matters to his advantage, and to give him leave to visit me the next day, for the result of my Consideration of his Proposals aforesaid; to which, by his much importunity, he obtained my consent, and in the evening of the next day he came again to Your Petitioners House. (and after some hours Discourse) he desired to know my determinate Resolution to what he had proposed to me: My answer was to this effect, viz. *That I had well considered of what I had done before I did it, and that he should have known (in due time) the things belonged to his own, and the Publick Peace, and Prosperity. but now it was too late. That his business was to make the best preparation he could to clear himself of the heavy Charge that lay against him, which if he could do, it would be for his Honour as well as Safety, and the Law would give him advantage enough against me, who neither expected nor desired any favour from him, in such Case.*

I further told him, by complying with his desires, *I should incur a Misprision of Treason, Punishment whereof is too great for me to undergo for my best Friend, therefore surely for him who manifested himself to be my mortal Enemy.* Whereunto he reply'd, *Will you have my Hearts Blood?* And so departed from my House.

The next day, the Counsel caused the Accusation to be Published in the Town of Nassau, the following day before all the Inhabitants of the Island, called *New-Providance*; and required Your Petitioner to become bound in a Penall Bond of 500 l to prosecute the said late Governour according to Law, for the Crimes whereof I had Accused him; the which Penall Bond Your Petitioner Entered into.

Notwithstanding all that is before related, the said Accused and Confined Traitor, and our wife Capital Offender, (by the Instrumentality of some desperate Rogues, Pirates and other Seduced Deluded, and thereby procured, and gathered together, an Ignorant Seditious Rabble who with the said Instigators (as their Leaders) on the 27th. of February 1692. with Fire and Armes, Rescued the said Accused and Confined Criminal out of Custody; Proclaimed him Governour; forceably entered the House where the Writings (Seized and Sealed up for Your Majesties Service) were, took them away, and restored them to the said Criminal,

After they had so done as aforesaid, a party of the said Rabble, and some of their Traiterous Leaders, marched to Your Petitioners House, Demanded certain Books, which were in the Custody, as a Publick trust, committed to the proper Officer: who as security for my Fidelity to the Execution of my Office, had given one thousand pounds Bond, with three Sureties, who were Counsellors. The said Books being denyed to be delivered to them, they presently (in a violent manner) Brake open the House, Violently rushed into the same, renewed their demand of the said Books, searched Chests, Trunks, Boxes, &c. but not finding them, they threatened to Burn the House down; and one of them presented the point of a Sword to the Belly, or Breast of Your Petitioners Wife: Then forceably took Your Petitioner out of my own House; and with my Wife they set a Guard of Armed Men, who would not suffer her to go with, nor after whom as a Prisoner they carried before the Rescued Traitor, whom they called Governour. presently, to some of them, gave a Warrant to Commit Your Petitioner close Prisoner, in a place where I was like to be Stifled for want of Air; and told me, *There I should lye on the floor, without any Supply of the Refreshments which Nature requireth, to preserve Life, till I should deliver to them the said Books; withal threatening, That my close Confinement in such manner aforesaid, should not satisfy them, but they would put me to a sort of Torture, called the Strappado.*

Whereupon Your Majesties Petitioner (being sensible that my Life was in great Danger, under the Arbitrary and Irresistable Power of an out-ragious Rabble, that neither feared God, nor regarded Man) did Consent to deliver the said Books, on condition, to be released from Imprisonment, to be paid the Price of the Books, and to be Indemnified as to the Penal Bond of



delity, which this forced Delivery was a Breach off; All which conditions they promised to perform, but did only the first, *viz.* release me out of my close Imprisonment.

Some time after Your Petitioners Release, fundry of this Traiterous Crew (who had so rescued *Jones*, set him up as Governour, and Cruelly used me Your Majesties Prosscutor of him) being sensible that they were Obnoxious to severe Punishments for what they had done; to conceal their Traiterous Ingagement aforesaid, they formed a Conspiracy to Break open my House in the night, forceably take me out of it, carry me on Board a Pirate Vessel, the Captain whereof was *Jones's* Favourit, and my mortal Enemie; Who declared, *When he had me on Board, he would put me in Irons, carry me away with him, and (as I suppose) after much Barbarous usage on Board his Vessel, he would have put me on Shore upon some Desolate Island, where I should have Perished for want of Sustenance.* From which Plot (having private Intelligence thereof) I saved my self, by Abscenting my House, and hiding in the Woods, till the said Pirate was gone; whereby I was Exposed to great Hardship, and my Wife to the Terrors of an Expected Burglarious Assault on the House, wherein was only her self and a Child.

After the aforesaid Conspiracy was detected, and avoided, *Jones* and his Traiterous Confederates resolved to Murther me by Assassination, and one *Martin Cock* did undertake to do it, as I was informed by one who heard their Consultation about it; and thereupon advised me to get off the place with all speed, whatsoever it should cost, or I should be Murthered. But *Jones* and his Completers would not permit any Person to Transporte me in their Vessels. So that from the time of *Jones's* being rescued, and set up as Governour, which was the 27th. of February, 1692. to the 17th. of August next following, I was in perill of my Life, day and night, at home and abroad.

Upon which said day of August, a Frigate named *Lucaios*, whereof *Jones's* Son was Commander, being Mounted with about 20 great Guns, and having on Board about 40 Men, from England; came into the Harbour of *New-Providence*; and in the said Ship came one *John Graves*, who had been a Wicked Counsellour, and Instigator of *Jones*, to the Exercise of Arbitrary and Tyranical Power; and to the Contriving and Endeavouring the Destruction of all who opposed their Arbitrary proceedings.

The said *Graves* the same day that he Arrived, Instigated *Jones* to send a Company of Armed Men to Your Petitioners House, to fetch me as a Prisoner before him, the which *Jones* did, and by them Your Petitioner was forceably taken out of my House, carried before *Jones*, and by *Graves* Accused of High Treason against Your Majesty, and Rebellion against the Lords Proprietors. And he the said *Graves* moved *Jones* presently to Commit Your Petitioner a Prisoner on Board the said Ship, which then was Infected with a Pestilential and very Mortal Sicknes, there to be kept in Irons, till I should be brought to a Tryal; and in the mean time, no Person to be permitted to come to me, nor I to be allowed Pen, Ink, or Paper: And *Jones* sent to the adjacent Islands for about thirty Men, to come to *Providence*, to pass as Jurey-men on my Tryal. But after he had found how they stood affected to him, and his Service, in the designed Murder of me, and that they were not fit for his Bloody Purpose, he dismissed the men, he had sent for; and held Your Petitioner a Prisoner in manner aforesaid, till the Arival of Mr *Nicholas Trott*, as Governour of the said Province, by Commission from the Lords Proprietors thereof; which was on the 16th. of April 1694. In which time of Your Petitioners Imprisonment, the said *Jones* fundrey times brake open my House by Armed Pirates, which he sent with his Warrant for that purpose.

The Affrightments whereof, caused Your Petitioners Wife being with Child to Miscarry, and brought upon her Conuulsion Fits, which was the cause of her Death, as she Solemnly declared on her dying Bead. before several Witnesses.

Your Majesties Petitioner being a Prisoner under the Tyranical and Usurped Power of *Jones*, when *Trott* came to the Government, by him the said *Trott* was kept in the same condition above two Months after, and denyed Baile, and delayed Tryal, though I earnestly prayed to be brought to a Tryal, that I might be Cleared by due course of Law.

After sixteen months Hard Imprisonment, the 19th. of June 1694. Your Petitioner was brought to a Tryal at a Court held by Commission from the said Governour *Trott*; the Chief Judge whereof, and all his Assistants, were Persons Unlearned in the Laws of England: Your Petitioner being brought to the Bar of the said Court, the said *John Graves*, as Attorney General, Exhibited an Inditement of High Treason against me, for those very proceedings against *Jones*, wherein Your Petitioner was ingaged as Prosecutor for Your Majesty, and thereunto bound by the Counsel, as hath been Declared.

Your Petitioner upon Tryal was Acquitted, whereupon I renewed my Accusation against *Jones*, and in Your Majesties Name and Behalf, demanded of Governour *Trott* Justice against him;



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Your Majesties Petitioner having been so Ingaged in Your Service as aforesaid, and so great a Sufferer for the same, and deprived of all Legal means of Remedy and Redress: I have been necessitated to leave the place of my Habitation, Traffick and Commerce, as a Merchant; my Lands, Houses, Goods, and Debts, which together with other Losses and Damages, amount to Four Thousand Pounds Sterling; and to Expose my self to great Difficulties, Dangers of the Seas, and Enemies, Expence of Time, and Money, in coming to *England* for Justice, in the Reparation of my Losses, and Damages, and in the Exemplary Punishment of the said *Jones*, and his Traiterous Confederates.

For obtaining whereof, I Your Majesties Petitioner, first applied my self to the Lords Proprietors of the said Province, and to them have Largely and Particularly set forth *Jones's* Multiplied Acts of Treason, Piracy, Burglary, Conspiracy, and horrible Tyranny; and my matchless Sufferings under his Arbitrary Power. And have desired them, to put me into a capacity to have legal Redress: But they have very much disregarded my Cause, and Person, in not granting me a free and full hearing of the matters of my Complaint; nor proposed any means for repairing my Losses and Damages, nor for making the said Heinous Offenders responsible to Justice, for their Transcendent Crimes, according to the demerits thereof.

Therefore I Your Majesties Petitioner, in all Humillity do prostrate my self at Your Royal Feet, Importunately beseeching, that You will Graciously condescend to be fully and particularly Informed of my Deplorable Case, and Ordaine some Effectual means for my Relief; who for my Loyalty and Zealous Service to Your Majesty, have lost my Virtuous and Loving Wife, [ Murdered by the Burglarious and other Felonious Actions of the said *Jones*, and his Confederates, ] and my own Health, by Long Cruel Imprisonment, and my whole Estate in Lands, Houses, Goods, and Debts, to the Value aforesaid. And am put out of all manner of Employment, and am destitute of any means to Maintain my Self and Off-spring.

Most Just and Mercifull Sovereign, Your Petitioner having been a Zealous Agent in, and Macerated patient for, Your Majesties Service; and having applied my self for Justice, to the Derivative Channells, and found them Dried up, do now repair to the Supreme Fountain of Justice ( Your Majesty ) from Whom it Continually Flows down like a mighty Stream, to the great Refreshment of all Your good Subjects: One whereof ( Your Petitioner ) Actively, and Passively, in an Eminent degree hath approved himself, and will continue so to do, by Praying for the Preservation of Your Majesties Royal Person, from all Hurtful Designs, and Attempts, of all Publick Enemies in the Camp, and Secret Traitors in the Kingdom: And that by Victory over the Enemies of God, and his Church, You may be a Blessed Prince of peace to it, throughout the whole World; Especially in these Your Majesties Kingdoms, and Dominions, And after a Prosperous Reign of Long Continuance, over these Terrestrial, You may be Exalted to Reign with the King of Kings Eternally, in the *Cælestial Kingdom*.

To these Prayers, Heartily saying *Amen*: Your Majesties Petitioner humbly begs Leave to Subscribe himself,

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Dated in New Providence, the  
19th. day of January, 1693.

*Thomas Bulkley.*



## A MESSAGE to the GRAND COUNCIL

To the Lords Proprietors Deputies, and the Country Representatives, being Members of the Council, for the whole Province of the *Bahama* Islands:

THOMAS BULKLEY of New Providence *sendeth Greeting.*

**W**Hereas in an Impeachment, bearing date the 19<sup>th</sup>. Instant, I have accused Coll. *Cadwallader Jones*, Governour of the *Bahama* Islands High Treason, against our Sovereign Lord and Lady, King *William* and Queen *Mary*, and of other Capital Crimes, against the said King and Queen, and the Lords Proprietors of the said Islands; and their Majesties Liege people, Inhabiting the same. Wherein I have discharged my present Duty to their Majesties, as becometh a Loyal, and Dutiful Subject. Now there is a duty Incumbent upon you, *viz.* To confine him a Close Prisoner, until he shall be delivered by due course of Law; my part in this great Affaire, was attended with dismaying difficulty, in the management, and danger in the consequence. I fail of proving the Crimes laid to his Charge. But your part is easie, and safe, in the performance hereof, you can suffer no damage, be the Accusation true or false; but by neglecting your Duty as aforesaid, you make your selves Equally Guilty, with him; and must be responsible for all the mischief that may or shall follow. In this case Neutrality is Criminal, for as it was said in another place (by our Saviour) *He that is not for us, is against us*, so it may be in this, he that is not for their Majesties, according to the duty of his place, and station, is against them. His Commission is so far from Exempting him from a legal Prosecution, that it greatly aggravates his Crimes: Although his Accusation be General, yet is it sufficient to warrant your proceeding as before directed. And I doe assure you that as soon as we have instructions from the Lords Proprietors or Coll. *Lindwell*, as their agent, or any other Impowred by their Lordships, to further proceedings upon the said Accusation: I will produce, and Exhibit, particular Articles against him, containing sundry matters of Fact, which shall plentifully make out the general Accusation, so that he shall have no cause to Complain of scant measure, for I intend to allow him good measure, pressed down, and running over. And now I have no more to say, but to Reiterate my demand of a Guard, for my Protection; Protesting, that if (in the way thereof) any mischief do befall me, or any person, or thing, that belongeth to me, I will put it to your score, for neglecting their Majesties Prosecutor, and the Common Wealths faithful Servant.

*The 20<sup>th</sup>. of January, 1693.*

*Thomas Bulkley*

*Ditto*, Collonel *Cadwallader Jones*, Governour of the *Bahama* Islands upon the said Accusation was Seized, and Confined to Answer the same, by the consent of the Council.



## A Message to Collonel Bowen Clafen, one of the Council.

Collonel Bowen Clafen,

**Y**esterday in the Evening I received an Order from you, to be at the Town by Eight of the Clock, this Morning; But I think it not proper, nor expedient, before you have Published the Charge against Collonel Jones, who was here last night, but had not a more pleasing Answer to his desires, then before; Nor doe I think such Compliance reasonable, or safe: For it is inconsistent with the Obligation that I lye under to their Majesties, the Lords Proprietors, and Common Wealth, to all which it would be very Injurious, as his Government hath been from the beginning thereof, to this present time, as I shall make appear abundantly, when he shall be particularly accused. I have seriously weighed things in my own thoughts, since I did see you, and I am convinced, that by gratifying his desires, (which are Shamefully unreasonable, and Immodest,) we shall become Guilty of a High Misprision of Treason, if not of Treason it self. Your part is to do Justice, Mercy (which is that he Supplicates) belongeth to their Majesties, as a Royal Prerogative, which would be Unanswerable Presumption in you, to Arrogate. Though he (imagining himself to be a Sovereign Prince) hath assumed it, and some other Regalities, for which he must expect to be called to account; as also for his other Numerous Crimes and Misdemeanours. Remember you are Sworn that you shall not deny, nor defer Justice to any Man; and I hope their Majesties will not be in worse condition, then the meanest Subject. If you would have me come to the Council, send me a Guard of two Men, Armed, or else you may not expect your Friend, and Servant,

Dated the 23<sup>d</sup>. of January, 1692.

Thomas Bulkley.

## A MEMORIAL of Occurances in Providence.

**I**n January the 24<sup>th</sup>. 1692. Yesterday the Lords Proprietors Council caused the Accusation, Exhibited by Thomas Bulkley against the late Governour Cadwallader Jones, to be Published in Nassau, on the Island of New Providence. And this day, (being as aforesaid) the said Accusation was Published before all the Inhabitants of the said Island, who (by Order of the Council) were Summoned to meet together at the said Town, to hear the Publication thereof.

And Mr. Gilbert Ashley was chosen President of the Council, till the said Jones should be cleared of the Crimes, whereof he was accused in manner aforesaid, or till the Lords Proprietors should otherwise ordaine.

And the Council required the said Bulkley to become Bound in 500 l. Penal Obligation, to prosecute the said Jones, at the Kings Suit; and to deliver to them (on the first day of February next Ensuing) particular Articles in Maintenance of the General Accusation, by him Exhibited, as aforesaid. Both which required duties, were performed by the said Bulkley, in due manner, and form.

By



By the **COUNCIL** Residing on the Island of New Providence,  
A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

**W** Hereas Collonel *Cadwallader Jones*, late Governour of the Province of the *Bahama* Islands, on *Friday* the 20<sup>th</sup>. day of this Instant, was Impeached, and Accused, before us, of High Treason, against their Majesties, *William*, and *Mary*, King, and Queen, of Great, *Brittain*, *France*, and *Ireland*; and of other Cappital Crimes and Misdemeanours, against their said Majesties, and against the Right Honourable the Lords Proprietors, and their Majesties Liege People, Inhabiting the said Islands; upon which said Impeachment, his Power and Authority in the Government doth Cease, and Determine, until he be cleared and acquitted from the same by due course of Law.

Therefore We whose Names are hereunto Subscribed, being all of us Members of the above said Council, according to the Duty of our Places and Stations, and according to the trust Reposed in us by the above said Lords Proprietors, and People Inhabiting the said Islands. And by the Power and Authority to us given and granted by the above said Lords in their Instructions, or Rules of Government given to the above said Collonel *Jones*, bearing date the 14<sup>th</sup>. day of *November*, 1689. Expressed in these words, *viz.* If you our said Governour, or the Governour for the time being, should Dye, or Depart from your Government, without appointing a Deputy, Our will and pleasure then is, and we doe hereby give, and grant, unto our Council, full Power, and Authority, to appoint some Person to be Governour, till our pleasure be further known, and signified to the contrary; and the Person so appointed, shall have the same power to all intents, and purposes, as was by these Instructions, and Rules of Government, and our Commission to our said Governour; and bearing date with these presents, granted to our Governour so Dead, or Departed.

Pursuant to which Instructions, &c. We the said Council have appointed, and by these presents doe appoint *Gilbert Ashley*, to be President of the Council of the *Bahama* Islands, until the said Collonel *Jones* shall be Acquitted as above-said; or until the Right Honourable the Lords Proprietors doe otherwise Order

And We doe strictly Charge, and Require, all the Inhabitants of these Islands above-said, to Yeild their ready Obedience to him the said President, according to Law; as they will answer the contrary at their peril. Given under our Hands, and Seals, this 24<sup>th</sup>. day of *January*, Anno Dom. 1692.

*Bowen Clasen.* O } Deputies.

*Thomas Cumber.* O }

*Nicolas Spencer, Senj.* O

*Thomas Higginbotham.* O

*Israel Jones.* O

*John Ogle.* O

*George Dumarisque* O

Representatives.

*Vera Copia.*



# ARTICLES

Exhibited by

Thomas Bulkley,

OF

## NEW PROVIDENCE.

In the Name and Behalf of their Most Excellent Majesties WILLIAM and MARY, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King and Queen, Defenders of the Faith; and of all the Territories and Dominions to the Crown of *England* belonging (in which the *Bahama* Islands are Comprehended) Supream Lord and Lady. And in the Name of the Lords Proprietors of the said Islands, against Collonel *Cadwallader Jones*, their Lordships Governour of their said Province; in Maintainance of his Accusation, whereby he stands Charged of High Treason, and other Capital Crimes, and Misdemeanours, by him Committed against our said Sovereign Lord and Lady, and the said Lords Proprietors, and their Majesties Liege People, Inhabiting the said Province, *viz.*

I.

**T**HAT he the said *Cadwallader Jones*, being admitted Governour of the said Province of *Bahama* Islands, by Virtue of a Commission, to him granted by the true and Absolute Lords, and Proprietors thereof, by whom, He was Intrusted with a Limited Power to Govern by, and according to the Laws of *England*, and such other Laws (not repugnant to the Laws of *England*) as should be made by Consent of a General Assembly, Constituted according to their Lordships Instructions, or Rules of Government, to him given with his said Commission. And He the said *Jones* by his Office, and the great Trust Reposed in him by the said Lords, in behalf of themselves and their Tenants, Inhabiting this their Province, being obliged to use the Power committed, to him, for their Lordships Honour, and

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Interest,



Interest, in concurrence with the general good and benefit of the People; by Protecting them from Publick Enemies, and Preserving their Liberties and Properties, from all Illegal and Unjust Inroachments. Yet in direct contrariety to the Instituted Ends of Government, and to the instructions and Obligations aforesaid, He hath Traiterously endeavoured to Erect, and Uphold in himself, an Absolute and Unlimited Power to Govern according to his will and pleasure, and to Subvert the Fundamental Rights and Liberties of the People; yea, to make Void, and Ineffectual, all meanes of Remedy and Redress of his Misgovernment: Which by the Fundamental Constitutions of the *English* Government, and the said Lords Instructions to him given as aforesaid, were reserved on the Peoples behalf in frequent General Assemblies For Accomplishment of which Traiterous Designs,

## II.

He the said *Cadwallader Jones*, hath assumed to himself Regal Prerogatives and Preheminences, in Presumptuously, and Arrogantly, using the Royal Stile, and more especially, the Incommunicable Attributes of Sovereign Authority, and Power, as an Absolut Negative Voice, in Passing Acts of the General Assembly; and Challenging to himself, an Exemption from the Coactive Power of the Laws. And in Conferring Honours, and Investing the Persons so Dignified by him, with the Priviledges of the most Honourable peers of the Kingdom of *England*: And in Pardoning Capital Offenders. And the Royal Prerogatives being in some measure Limited by the Laws, and therefore not large enough to Satisfie his Impudent Ambition He hath taken upon him to Exercise a Tyranical Power, over the Lives Liberties, and Estates, of their Majesties Subjects, to their great Danger and Detriment.

## III.

That to Inrich himself, and thereby better enable him to goe through with his Traiterous and Tyrannical Practices and Designs: He hath assumed to himself, the Custody and Disposal (according to his will and pleasure) of the publick Treasure, by Law Ordained and Appointed for Fortifying the Island of *New-Providence*, and for providing Armes, Amunition, and other Instruments of War, for General Defence of the Government, and People. Which Treasure he hath unprofitably Wasted, and Traiterously Converted to his own use, not giving a Legal account thereof.

## IV.

That in this time of Eminent Perril and Danger, by reason of the War between our Nation and the *French*: He hath not only Neglected to put this Island into a posture of Defence, according to the means whereby he was Enabled so to doe; But as if he were Resolved to Betray the *Province* and  
People



People into the Enemies Hand. He hath Disfurnished the Island of *New-Providance* of some Great Guns belonging thereunto, and Imbezled the Gunpowder, whereof in our best Condition, we were barely Furnished; giving or selling the same to Privateers and others.

## V.

That he hath Traiterously detained the Lords Proprietors Royalties, by them freely Granted to be Expended in Marshal Provisions, for Defence of their Province, and Tennants, Inhabiting the same, during the War aforesaid; which Grant of theirs, Signified to him by their Letter, with Order to Communicate the same to their Council, that thereby this their Noble Generosity might be made known to the people, and they Reap the Blessed Fruits thereof. He (out of a Wicked Traiterous Design of Converting the said Royalties to his own) use, hath Concealed the said Letter, for the space of Six Months, or thereabouts, from the time of his receipt thereof, and so would have Concealed it, had it not been Authoritatively Demanded of him, since his Accusation, and Confinement thereupon.

## VI.

That he might Sate his Revengeful Mallice upon those who have Discovered and Opposed his Traiterous practices, and Designs, by a Letter under his own Hand, he hath Importunately Intreated, and by False and Mallicious Suggestions, prevailed with a great number of Armed Pirates to come into this *Porte*, and with Force and Armes, in an Hostile manner, to Assist him against their Majesties good and peaceable Subjects; promising to Joyne with them therein, to the hazzard of his Blood, and assuring them that they should have what Provisions they wanted: Upon reading of which Letter, they the said Pirates did come in, with a Resolved, and Declared Design, to plunder the Island, and then carry him the said *Jones* off with them.

## VII.

That he the said *Cadwallader Jones*, was Governour of the said Province of the *Bahama* Islands, by Commission from the Lords Proprietors thereof, during the time, wherein all and every the Crimes before set forth, were Committed; whereby he hath Betrayed the great Trust reposed in him, and therefore he Stands Impeached of High Treason, against our Sovereign Lord and Lady, the King and Queen, of *England, Scotland, France, and Ireland*, and the Territories and Dominions thereunto belonging, their Crown and Dignity.



## VIII.

That the said *Bulkley* by Protestation, saveing to himself the Liberty of Exhibiting at any time hereafter any other Accusation, again the said *Cadwallader Jones*, and also of Replying to the Answers that he the said *Jones* shall make unto the said Articles, or to any of them, and of offering proofs of the premises, or any of them, or any other Accusation, that shall be Exhibited by him, as the Cause shall require. Doth pray, that the said *Jones* may be put to answer to All, and Every the premises, That such proceedings, Examinations, Tryals, and Judgments, may be upon every of them had, and used, as is agreeable to Law and Justice.

*This is a True Coppy of the Particular ARTICLES of Accusation against Cadwallader Jones, delivered in Council, the First of February, 169<sup>2</sup>.*

Per Thomas Bulkley.

*Additional ARTICLES of Impeachment, against Collonel Cadwallader Jones, late Governour of the Province of the Bahama Islands; of Divers High Crimes, and Misdemeanours, followeth, viz.*

*First.* **H**E the said late Governour refused to take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy to their Majesties, *William and Mary*, King and Queen, of Great Brittain, France, and Ireland, &c. at his entrance into his said Office, the said Oaths being then Tendered unto him by one of the Lords Proprietors Deputies.

*Second,* In a Speech by the said *Jones*, made to the People, he declared, *That he would have a Free Trade, and nothing to doe with the Kings Damn'd Officers.*

*Third,* Into the greatest Offices of Honour, Power, and Publick Trust, he put the most Ignorant, Indigent, and Vicious Persons; many of them being Capital Offenders.

*Fourth,* He hath made it his common practice (for base ends) to Intercept Letters, without cause, and without advice of the Council.

*Fifth,* Contrary to Law, and to particular Instructions from the Lords Proprietors, He hath freely permitted Pirates to come into the Port of *New Providence*, who had Robbed the Subjects of their Majesties, and of their Allyes, and there publickly to Sell their Piratically gotten Goods; and hath taken some of them to be his most Familiar Companions, one of which (being in the Custody of the General Assemblies Officer, for a Grose Misdemeanour and breach of the Peace,) he Discharged, by constraining the said Officer to let him go, contrary to the Assemblies Order.

*Sixth,* He made an Inhabitant of the Province pay forty pounds to Redeem a Vessel and Cargo out of the clutches of a Man, who had Seazed her by pretence of a Commission from *Jones*, for Breach of an Order of Council, not known, (because not published,) at *Xuma*, where the goods were Shipt'd, and the owner dwelt.

*Seventh,* He hath Arbitrarily imposed unreasonable Fines on divers persons, for pretended Faults, without proof, and contrary to an order of Council.

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*Eighth*, He Imopowred a Master of a Ship, (being in his Employ) to take the tenth part of the Salt at *Xuma*, which the people by their hard Labour had gotten out of the Salt Ponds, into their own houses; which the said Master (by pretence of Authority from the said *Jones*) broke open, and out of them took so much Salt as Loaded his Ship, without the consent of, or valluable Consideration paid to the owners thereof.

*Ninth*, He Constituted himself Deputy to the chief of the *Lords Proprietors, Treasurer, Pro-Marshal*, and chief Secretary of the *Province*, and took upon him the Exercise of the said Offices; and into them, and others (under him) he put some of his own Creatures, without Oath, or any Security for the well discharge thereof; tho in all respects unqualified, being so Ignorant, and Wicked, that they would do any thing, howsoever contrary to Law; and so poor, that they were not able to repair the Damages that might accrue by their Errors.

*Tenth*, He made a man (who was Sentenced to become bound in a Conditional Bond of one hundred pound, and to be in custody of the *Deputy Marshal* till he did performe what was required of him) to pay to the said *Deputy Marshal*, for his attendance on him, to visit a Friend on some necessary occasion, three pounds ten shillings, tho he did not permit the Prisoner to go to his friend.

*Eleventh*, He hath made a common practice to commit persons to Prison without lawful cause, or Warrant, sometimes in his own cause, and so detain them during his pleasure, and usually discharge them without Judicial Process, but not till they do pay Extortionary Fees, for the Imprisonment.

*Twelfth*, He hath denyed to grant Writs of *Process at Law*, when desired against his Favorites, which were usually the Vilest of the People.

*Thirteenth*, He refused the prosecution of a man who had Stolen, and to another Port carried fourteen or sixteen great Guns, which belonged to *New Providence*, for Fortification; because the said offender was a Friend to one of his vile Favourites.

*Fourteenth*, He hath presumed to *Pardon* and discharge *Pirates*, without Tryal.

*Fifteenth*, He hath given Comissions to *Pirates* and others, without, and contrary to, the Advice of the Council, yet in the Preamble of those Commissions, it hath been said, *That they are given by the Advice and with the Consent of the Council, and without Security to repair the damage that the Kings, or his Allies Subjects may Sustaine by the abuse thereof.* By colour of one of the said *Jones's* Commissions, a Sloop belonging to *Bermudas*, being in *Pensylvania* River, was arbitrarily taken, and had been carried out to Sea, if some of the People of that place had not come out Armed after the *Pirates*, and forceably recovered the said Vessel from the *Pirates*, who justified their Villany, by *Their Commission and Instructions from the said Jones.*

*Sixteenth*, He willfully neglected to call a *General Assembly* till six months after the time appointed, by the *Lords Proprietors*, in their Instructions to him given, for his direction and observance in the Administration of the Government; all that time presuming to Govern the People, partly by his *Arbitrary will and pleasure*, and partly by orders of a *Juncto*, instead of Laws made by common Suffrage: And when the *Representatives* of the People were Convened in a *General Assembly*, to prepare and present Bills to be passed into Laws, he Imperiously did take upon him to prescribe and limmit their proceeding therein, viz. *That they should only pass the Decisive, Impertinent, and Noncensical Orders of his Juncto into Laws.* The which, if they did not readily apply themselves to do, he threatned, *That he would Dissolve the Assembly*, and carry on his Government for the future, by those orders aforesaid.

*Seventeenth*, While the *General Assembly* was Sitting, he the said *Jones* did direct (if not command) his Son, who was Captain of a Ship in the Port, to lay her so, as to bring all her Guns to bear upon the House where the *General Assembly* was Sitting, in an Hostile manner.

*Eighteenth*, He did Abruptly Dissolve the said *Assembly* before they had made a sufficient number of Laws for regulation of the Government; and before they had perfected such Bills as others were assented to, did necessarily require.

*Nineteenth*, He hath Rigorously exacted extortionary Port Charges, contrary to Law, and thereby hath greatly discouraged Owners and Masters of Vessels from Trading to this *Province.*

*Twentieth*, He hath given positive orders to his Deputies in the Adjacent Islands to clear Vessels, without first Entering at *Providence*, as the Law made for regulation of that Affair, doth ordain; yet by Commission from him, a certain Vessel (that by the *Deputy Governours Permission*, had taken in her Ladeing without Entering at *Providence*) was Seazed, brought to *Providence*, and the Master forced to Expend about twenty pounds to redeem his Vessel from the Seazers.

*Twenty first*, He hath Conspired with some of his Black Cabal, who belonged to the place, and some *Pirates* (who by his permission have come into this Port) to Banish some of the most virtuous and Publickly useful Inhabitants, without lawful cause or Tryal.



*Twenty second*, He very kindly and freely admitted into the *Port of New Providence*, a company of *Pirates*, who had unlawfully taken and *Plundered* an *English* Vessel bound to *Salem New England*, whose Lading was of great vallue. And he furnished part of the said Company *Pirates*, with a *Spanish* Vessel, which was brought into this Port by another Company of *Pirates* who had taken her from the *Spaniards*; and with the said *Spanish* Vessel he gave the said party Commission, to go out on a *Privateer-account*: And having thus obliged them to himself, he engaged them to assist him, in the accomplishment of a wicked *Plot*, that he had framed against some with whom he was offended, for their Endeavouring to obstruct him in his *Tyranical* proceedings. The said *Plot* was, *That he would (on pretence of a parting Collation on Board the Vessel decoy some Persons that he had a mind to be rid off, on Board the said Pirates Vessel, then bound out of the Harbour, who, when those Persons were secured on Board, the Pirates were to carry them force away from the place of their Habitation and Employment, and to dispose of them as they should think fit.*

*Twenty third*, He hath Rigroufly Extorted great Sums of Money from some Free persons, for Liberty to depart out of the *Province*, when their occasions did so require.

*Twenty fourth*, He hath let the Timber (which with much toyle and cost was Saw'd and brought out of the Woods for Carriages of Guns) lye rotting on the ground, not applying it to the use for which it was provided, but selling or giving it away.

*Twenty fifth*, He hath let great Guns lye useless in the Sea, and sent others off the Island, where by reason of want, he had sent to *Jamaica* for two, which when he had received, he let them lye in the Sea for about twelve months, before they were put into a Serviceable posture.

*Twenty sixth*, He hath said that it was High Treason to Subscribe a Petition for the Summoning and Sitting of a *General Assembly*; and that those who had so done, thereby had forfeited their Lives and Estates, and he might take both away at his pleasure.

*Twenty seventh*, In and through the whole time of his being Governour, he hath Tollerated and (by his wicked Example) encouraged all manner of Impiety and Debauchery, wherein those who were most Eminent, were his most Desirable and Delightful Companions, whereby the *Province* is like to be the common receptacle of the Excrements of all the *American* Settlements.

*Twenty eighth*, He hath taken up, and frequently practised, an unpresidented way of Fined Criminals, by the Arbitrary Sentence of some of his Counsellors, instead of Trying them for their offences according to the Laws and Customs of *England*.

*Twenty ninth*, He hath Clandestinely practised with Members of the *General Assembly*, to close the Debates, while Secret, tho he knew they were sworn to the contrary; and with Jurymen to preposess and bias them; and with Wittnesses to informe and instruct them to promote corrupt designs, and wicked Conspiracies, and to obstruct the free current of Justice.

*Thirty*, By Solicitations and false Suggestions, he hath prevailed with *Pirates* to come into the *Port of New Providence*, with Force and Armes, to assist him in Levying War against the King's most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects. And he hath permitted the said *Pirates* to sell their *Piratical Goods* openly, to Ingross the *Corne* that came into the *Port*; in a time of great Scarcity, when the people were in great want, and destitute of other Supplies, or any hopes thereof, in due time. He the said *Jones* took the Captain of these *Pirates* for his Bead-fellow, and the common Scoundrels of the Company for his Delectable Companions, whereby they became so insolent as to take Debtors and Trespassors out of the Custody of the Law, into their Protection on Board their Ship, and the very Writs of Process they took from the under Marshal, and finally carryed the said Prisoners away with them, to the damage of several Persons, the value of near eighty pounds. But before they went, *Jones* (with his *French* Counsellour *Mercier*) went on Board this *Pirate Ship* and on the *Topmast head* thereof, they hung out the *Union-Flag*, and under it they drank Healths and Fired Guns, for the space of some hours, and then parted with Extraordinary expressions of reciprocal Friendship.

*Thirty first*, He hath kindly received, encouraged, and assisted the Master and Company of a Ship that Sailed from *Jamaica*, Bound for *London*, vallued worth seventeen thousand pounds, who having willfully lost her among the *Bahama* Islands, and shared the best of the Goods on an Island among the Ships Company; the Master taking two Shares and an half, the Mate one Share and an half, the rest of the Company every one Equal Shares; and wanting a Vessel to Transport themselves and their Goods so divided as aforesaid; in their Long Boat they came from the said Island, to *New Providence*, to get a Vessel for the service aforesaid, wherein he (as I think) assisted them, so they got Vessels and ferched most of their Goods from the Wreck, to *Providence*, where, after *Jones* had received the one tenth part (which he demanded in the Name of the Lords Proprietors) some of the Company sold their Goods on the place, and stay'd long enough to spend most of their money; others Shipt off their goods and themselves for other Ports, and for their *Particulary*



ratically gotten goods, of *Jones* they had *Cockets*, as if they were the true and proper Owners and Adventurers thereof. But when the Master and Mate were ready to be gon, a Stop was put upon the Master, till by the distribution of some Gold, the restraint was taken off, and he likewise permitted to depart,

*Thirty second*, Whereas a certain *English* man named *Nathaniel Shepherdson* had revolted from his due Allegiance, to his natural Liege Lord the King of *England*, and had adheared to, and in open Hostility joyned with the Kings Enemies, against his Subjects, and had shared in the Booty taken from his Subjects in War, by the Subjects of the *French* King; and thereof was accused by two witnesses, and the matters of Fact notoriously known to be true. He the said *Jones* permitted him to reside in *Providence*, to take away from one of the Inhabitants his Wife, and keep her as his Whore, against her Husbands mind, and to his great grief and damage: And the said *Jones*, notwithstanding all those Enormous Villanies, held a Friendly Society with the said *Shepherdson*, and Employed him as an Agent to break open the House of him, who was the Kings Prosecutor as aforesaid.

*Thirty third*, Whereas (to put a stop to his further Horible Designs) he the said *Jones*, in their Majesties and the Lords Proprietors Names, was accused of High Treason, and sundery other High Crimes, and Misdemeanours, and thereupon the Grand Council of the *Province* (as they apprehended themselves indispensably bound in duty to their Majesties, and the Lords Proprietors) caused his Person to be Seazed and Confined, to be responsible to Justice; and his Writings to be Sealed up, and secured, in the Custody of a Member of the Council, to be forth-coming for the Kings service, as Evidence against the Prisoner, when there should be occasion. He the said *Jones* (by the aid of a party of presumptuous Rogues Pirates, &c. and an Ignorant Rabble whom they had seduced) rescued himself out of Custody; reassumed the Dignity and Authority of Governor, forceably took away the Writings that were secured for the ends aforesaid, brake open the House of the Kings and Lords Proprietors accuser of him, (who by the Grand Council of the *Province* was bound in a Penal Bond of 500 *l.* to prosecute the said *Jones*, in the Kings and Lords Proprietors behalf) took the said Prosecutor out of his own House, committed him a close Prisoner, and by Duress of Imprissonment, and Threatnings of Torture, forced him (for preservation of his Life) to deliver to them certain Books, which were his care and charge, as Deputy Secretary, and held the said prosecutor a Prisoner under the Tyrannical and Usurped power of the said Rescued Traitor, for the space of above fourteen Months, part whereof was on Board a Ship Infected with a Contageous and very Mortal Sicknes; in which time the said Rescued Traitor procured several parties of Ruffins, in a Fellonious manner, three several times to break and enter the said prosecutors House, wherein was his Wife and one Child; whereby together with other Outrageous and Barbarous Actions, the said prosecutors Wife was Affrighted, so as to be the Cause of Miscarriage with Child, Convulsion Fits, and thereby of her Death, as she solemnly declared on her Death Bead, before many Wittnesses, in manner and form, as followeth.

*These Additional Articles were prepared to be Exhibited against the said Cadwallader Jones, in the Kings behalf, by his Majesties Bounden Prosecutor,*

*Thomas Bulkley.*

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The Dying DECLARATION of *Esther*, the Wife of *Thomas Bulkley*.

**I** The said *Esther Bulkley* (having been in a Languishing Condition near ten Months, and now being apprehensive of the near approach of my Death) do think fit (while I have the full and free use of my Reason and Memory) to Declare, And I hereby do declare, and affirm, unto God, and the World, That the breaking open of our Dwelling House, and Violent taking away my Husband, and Imprisoning him, with the terrible Threatnings, and Ruffinly behaviour, of the Party that did it, both to my self and Husband, the 27th. day of February last past, together with the fear and dread of my Husbands being Murdered, by the same Party, at Xuma, to which place he went in April last (leaving me, with only a Child of seven years old, in the House) and my Husband being then, and there, among a great number of those Barbarous Villains. And also a Horrid Conspiracy formed and carried on by Bartholomew Mercier, Martin Cock, Robert Bolton, and Thomas Griffin, which was, to take my Husband out of his House, by violence, in the Night, and carry him on Board a Sloop, then in this Port, whereof the said Griffin was Commander, who declared, That when he had gotten my Husband on Board his said Vessel, he would put him in Irons, carry him to the Salt Pond, there force him to carry Salt, to Load the Vessel; and (she being very Leakey) would make him Pump all the Voiage, or else he would knock his braines out: For accomplishment of which said Conspiracy, they the abovenamed Conspirators, went to the Town, for a Warrant from Cadwallader Jones; but the said Plot being Discovered they proceeded no farther therein. To escape which Wicked design of theirs, my Husband was forced to hide himself in the Woods, and thereby to endure great hardship; and I to be under the Terrors of a Burglarious assault upon the House, till the said Griffins departure. By all which Cruel proceedings, and the Terrifying affrightments thereof, I was brought into a very Weak and Low Estate. And my Husband seeing things go after such a rate, purposed to depart out of the Countrey; and to prevent any Obstruction, when he should have an opportunity; He Publickly declared his Intention, in an Advertisement fixed on a Warehouse, in the Town, bearing date the 2d of June, which stood Exposed to publick view, the space of ten or twelve days, and no under writing, or prohibition, till the 31st. of July, after my Husband had sold and killed his Living Stock, disposed of a Considerable part of his Household Goods, his House and Plantation, and thereby unsettled and dis-furnished, himself, for any Comfortable continuance; and also had bespoke a Passage for himself and Family, in a Vessel, bound to Road Island, which when we were about to Ship our Goods and our selves on board off, he the said Cadwallader Jones, would not suffer the Master of the Vessel to Carry us; nor render a reason why he stopped us, though demanded by my Husband. The grief of which disappointment, added to my great weakness, brought me into a much weaker Condition, in which I lay a Prisoner to my Bed, until the 17th. day of August, at which time came into this Port the *Lucaes Friggat*, Richard Valiaferro Commander; in a little time after, upon the same day, my Husband was fetch'd from home, by a Military Guard, and by them carried before Cadwallader Jones, and by a Warrant from the said Jones Committed Prisoner, on Board the said Friggat (then grievously Infected with a Malignant and Pestilential Distemper, whereof some had dyed in their Passage from Barbados hither, and others after they came into this Harbour; and the Infection from thence spread it self over a great part of the Island, and thereof many dyed, and more were dangerously ill) there to be kept in Irons; no person to be permitted to come to him, nor he to have Pen, Ink, or Paper: In which Ship he was kept a Prisoner, till the 4th. day of November, at which time, by reason of Illness, the said Commander of the said Friggat (upon Petition to him made) gave him leave to come home, and there abide till his further Order. In which time of my Husbands Confinement on Board the said Ship, my House was three time broke open by Military Men, pretending an Order of Council, and Warrants from Cadwallader Jones, so to doe, and to take my Husbands proper goods out of his House, which if they could not find, nor I deliver them, they were Authorized and Impowred to bring me a Prisoner before the said Jones, who threatened to compel me (by Punishment) to yield to his unjust demands. And since my Husbands coming home, though he was a Prisoner, and in an ill condition as to health, as afore is said, yet the said Jones (on the 10th. day of November) sent a Military Guard to our House, with a Warrant to bring my Husband (Living or dead) before him, and if Living, to put him in Goale. The Terrors of all which afore related Inhumane dealings, of the said Jones, and his Complices; and Grief to see my Husband in danger of being Murdered, and my self and Child utterly Ruined by those Bloody minded men, hath brought me into this Dying Condition, wherein I now am. And therefore in the Presence of God, to whose Tribunal of Justice I am now going, and in the presence of some of my Neighbours, I do lay my Death to the Charge of the said Cadwallader Jones, John Warren, Martin Cock, Bartholomew Mercier, Thomas Cumber, Robert Bolton, and all others, who have (as Instruments under them) been Actors of those afore related Villanies, or any of them, And for affirmance of of this my Dying Declaration, I do thereunto, set my Hand, in New Providence, the 15th. day of January, Anno Dom. 1693.

*Esther Bulkley.*

The above written Declaration was Affirmed and Signed by the said *Esther Bulkley*, before us,

Joseph Grove.

Her

Sarah S Grove,

Mark.

Her

Sarah S H Higginbotham.

Mark.

Her

Elizabeth Blackman.

Mark.

The Wittneses to this Declaration, upon solemn Oath to them given, did affirm that they saw *Esther Bulkley* subscribe her Name to it, which they attested the 12th of September, 1694. Before Me,

*John Warren,*

Justice of the Peace.

The said *John Warren* upon solemn Oath, Affirmed that the two first Named Wittneses by their Oaths before him, did Declare that they saw this Writing signed by Mrs. *Esther Bulkley*. Sworn in Carolina, Octob. the 29th. 1694. Before Me,

*William Hawett,*

Justice of the Peace.



MEMORIAL of the Traiterous Rescue of Cadwallader Jones, and Imprisonment of his Prosecutor, Thomas Bulkley.

Monday the 27th. of February, 1692. About 10 or 11 of the Clock, Daniel Jackson, Thomas Wake, Thomas Witter, Martin Cock, Robert Bolton, Lancelot Lawson, William Smith, Charles Wainright, Samuel Coverly, Samuel Dunscorn, Richard Carpenter, Josias Apowen, Benjamin Harris, and Blackden Docden, (in a Company) came from the Town of Nassau, to the House of Thomas Bulkley, and the Doors being all Locked, and Bolted, the said Bulkley spake to them through the Window, asking them what was their business, they replied, they were come for the Countreys Books, and Writings; he the said Bulkley, told them he had no Books that were the Countreys, tho he had Books which contained the Publick Records, &c. which were his proper Charge, and Trust, as being Deputy Secretary; and that for his Fidelity, in the said Office, he (with three Sureties) stood bound in a Penal Bond of one thousand pounds. The said Bulkley also asked them, by what Authority they demanded the Books, they replied, they were the Countreys, and as such, they demanded them; Bulkley thereupon said, that he would deliver them on that pretence; whereupon they said that they would take them by Force, and immediately one of them took up a great piece of Timber, and therewith brake open the back door, which was fastened with an Iron bolt, then they Furiouly entered the House, and with terrifying Oaths, and Curses, they renewed their demands of the said Books, which (being illegal) Bulkley told them he could not yield thereunto, then they Swore they would break every Lock in the House, he answered if they would, he could not withstand them. After some further discourse, very abusive, to the said Bulkley, and his Wife, they said, if they could not get the Books, they would take Bulkley, and keep him a Prisoner, till he would deliver them: So they forceably took the said Bulkley, out of his own House; carried him a Prisoner to the Town, before Jones, whom they had just before Rescued out of Custody, and Proclaimed Governour, from whom he received some affronts; after which, the said Jones wrote a Warrant, Directing it a fundry of the Leading men of the said Traiterous Rabble, who presently put the said Bulkley in a close Room, where they Lock'd him up, and so left him for some time, then returned to him again, with horrid Oaths, and Imprecations; saying, that his being a Prisoner should not satisfy them, but they would have the Books, or they would burn his House down, and would put him to a sort of Torture, called the Strappadoe; for, doing whereof, Thomas Wake said he would fetch ropes. Bulkley (in the Kings name) demanded a Coppy of their Warrant from Jones, for his Commitment, but could not obtaine it; they went away again, but first Nailed up the Window Shutters, and thereby deprived him of Light, and Aire; and told Bulkley, that there he should lye on the bare Floor, without any of the Necessary Refreshments of Nature, in which condition, the said Bulkley was like to be stifled, through want of Aire. When they had kept Bulkley as long as they pleased, in such manner as aforesaid, they came to him again, and told him, they would give him Counter Security to Indemnifie him from the Penalty of his Security-Bond, for his Fidelity in his said Office; pay him five Pounds, as the price of the Books, and release him from his close Imprisonment: On which unreasonable terms, Bulkley (to save his Life) did yeild to deliver the Books; which when Bulkley had delivered, they demanded other Writings, which they had not before demanded, nor Bulkley promised to deliver: The which (being the Product of his skill, and labour, for which he had not been paid any thing, as a vallewable consideration) he denied to deliver; thereupon they resolved that if he persisted in the denyal of them, they would carry him back again to Prison; to avoid which, Bulkley (being very Ill, and his Quarters like to be very bad) was forced to deliver the said Writings, also. But they neither paid for the Books, nor gave him the Counter Security, tho they had promised both.



*A MESSAGE to Colonel Cadwallader Jones, and the COUNCIL  
of the Bahama Islands.*

**W** Hereas I the said *Bulkley* (by a publick Advertisement bearing date the 2<sup>d</sup>. of *January* last past) did declare to the whole Countrey, my design to depart out of the Province, with my Family; And the said Advertisement stood exposed to Publick view, ten days; without any under-writing. Pursuant unto which design declared as aforesaid, I did bespeak a Passage for my self, and Family, of Mr. *Jollif Price*, Master of a *Brigantine*, now in this Port, and bound for *Road-Island*; but I am informed, that the said *Price* is forceably with-held from carrying me off; and therefore confined on Shoare, until my Vessel be under Saile, going out of this Harbour. The case being so, (I do in their Majesties Name) demand the Cause of my Detainement here, which (if it be lawful) I shall patiently submit my self unto, though the methods of proceeding with me hitherto, I am sure Have been as contrary to Law, and Justice, as Darknes is to Light. I have been in the condition of a Prisoner ever since the 27<sup>th</sup>. of *February* last; (being deprived of my Natural and Civil Liberties and in some respects much worse, for a Prisoner (tho for the Highest Crimes) hath the Protection of the Law, and may have Justice done him, in any thing wherein he is wronged; but I have been deprived of these for a long time, being in continual Perril of my Life, and can have no Right done me. If I have committed any thing that is Criminal by Law, I should have been Legally accused thereof, and speedily brought to a Tryal according to due course of Law; but contrary-wise, I have been confined in such Miserable condition as aforesaid, and yet know of no any crime that I am accused of, nor who are my accusers, which if any be, they should have been with me face to face before a Magistrate, and I have hear'd what they did accuse me of, that so I might prepare to make my defence, at my Tryal: And this is no more then was allowed Heathens, as in the case of the Jews, against St. *Paul*. Now to take away all further pretence of just cause for my restraint, I do demand of you, that if there be any lawful cause, you do Immediately make it known to me, and bring me to a Legal Tryal for the same, without further delay; which is agreeable to the great Charter of *English* Liberties, and the Oath of every Lawfull Judge, and Justice of the Peace; and is not to be denyed, on any pretence whatsoever. Therefore, if you do not grant this my Just Demand, and yet restraine me of my Liberty, I call Heaven and Earth to witness against you, as Tyrants, Traitors, and Rebbels, against our Sovereign Lord and Lady, *William* and *Mary*, of Great *Brittain*, &c. King and Queen; to whom you have Sworn Allegiance: And I will lay to your charge all the Mischief and Damage that has befallen me since the 23<sup>d</sup>. day of *January* last past, or that shall befall me for the future, through your unjust dealings with me: By the Terrors and Affrightments whereof, my Wife is brought to the Deaths door, being not like to Live many days, unless she be removed to a place where she may be freed from such Terrors, and the Barbarous causes thereof; and have such Remedies, and Refreshments, as her Languishing condition Necessarily Requires. Your Answer hereunto [to day] is Expected, by me, who am an Oppressed Loyal Subject of their Majesties,

*The King that faithfully Judgeth the Cause of the Oppressed, his Throne shall be Established for ever. Prove. 29. 14.*

Therefore, It is the Honour of Kings, to Search out the matter of the Complaint. Prove. 25. 1.

*Thomas Bulkley*

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